Direct Loan Program Repayment Plans¹

Standard Repayment Plan	 Fixed annual repayment amount paid over a fixed period of time² Maximum repayment period 10 years³ \$50 minimum monthly payment
Extended Repayment Plan	 Fixed annual repayment amount paid over an extended period of time² Maximum repayment period varies depending on total amount of borrower's Direct Loans^{3,4} \$50 minimum monthly payment
Graduated Repayment Plan	 Two or more graduated levels of repayment² Maximum repayment period varies depending on total amount of borrower's Direct Loans^{3,4} Minimum monthly payments may not be less than 50%, nor more than 150%, of the payment if loan were repaid under the Standard Repayment Plan Minimum monthly payment must at least cover interest that accrues monthly
Income Contingent Repayment Plan	 Not available for Direct PLUS Loans or Direct PLUS Consolidation Loans Maximum repayment period may not exceed 25 years^{5,6} Varying annual payment amounts generally based on AGI of borrower (and spouse) and total amount of Direct Loans but will never exceed 20% of discretionary income

- ¹ This chart does not include the alternative repayment plan, which will vary from borrower to borrower.
- ² The monthly amount a borrower pays will reflect changes in the variable interest rate, unless the borrower requests that the maximum number of monthly payments be extended.
- 3 Excludes any period of authorized deferment or forbearance.
- 12-year maximum repayment period if total amount of Direct Loans is less than \$10,000
 15-year maximum repayment period if total amount of Direct Loans is between \$10,000 and \$19,999.99
 - 20-year maximum repayment period if total amount of Direct Loans is between \$20,000 and \$39,999.99
 - 25-year maximum repayment period if total amount of Direct Loans is between \$40,000 and \$59,999.99
 30-year maximum repayment period if total amount of Direct Loans is equal to or greater than \$60,000
- 5 If the loan is not repaid within the maximum repayment period, the remaining portion of the loan is canceled. Any canceled loan amount is currently considered taxable income.
- Excludes any periods of authorized deferments or forbearance. Also, if a borrower has made payments under the 6 Standard Plan or the 12-year Extended Plan and then switches to ICR, the earlier payment periods are counted toward the 25-year repayment period. Earlier payment periods in other plans do not count toward the 25-year period.